

MINUTES OF ANZAC PARK PRECINCT MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2024 AT ROS CRICHTON PAVILION

ATTENDEES – 19: SW, GH, DD, JD, NC, AG, CG, TC, MT, DS, JB, VN, MDS, SR, CB, DB, GT, JO, LD

APOLOGIES: MW, IC.

GENERAL MEETING:

Minutes of Previous Meeting were ratified.

Moved by AG; Seconded by NC. AGREED

2. COUNCIL & CPC FEEDBACK:

SPECIAL RATE VARIATION ISSUE MDS urged the meeting to watch the recording of the important NSC Meeting held on Monday 25 November, 2024, as it covered the information & discussion on the Special Rate Variation (SRV). The Gallery was full for this Meeting and there were several Speakers from Community. James Spenceley had an alternative Proposal which would be popular but was lost. There was also a report in the North Sydney Sun.

Council propose increases of approx. 80% on minimum Rates and between 65% and 111% over three years overall. Under the council's SRV proposal, the minimum residential rate—currently \$715, paid by 77% of residents—would rise to \$1,300 in 2025/26, an 81% increase. Minimum business rates would increase from \$715 to \$1,400, an 84% rise. Overall proposed increases range across 50%, 60% or 75% next year and 65%, 75%, 87.5% or 111% over three years.

Council have put their SRV Proposal on their website for community feedback.

Residents need to be informed to comment on this.

Go to: <https://yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/srv>

- JB queried what external advice had been engaged to provide and advise available options.
- Also with so many schools in the LGA who do not pay rates, SW suggested that Council should approach the State Government for support & ask them to look at revising the lack of Rate Payments by highly cashed up Private Schools. JB & MDS agreed that it is a huge cost issue and the community needs to be reminded of this aspect and lost revenue stream.
- While our meeting was in progress, Precinct Admin emailed to say that a **Combined Precinct Forum on the SRV** has been organised at Hutley Hall on Tuesday 3 December, 6:30–8:30pm. Two representatives from each Precinct can

attend.

CPC FEEDBACK

CLOSURE OF ALFRED ST OFF-RAMP FROM FREEWAY MDS reported that the 8 months Alfred Street closure (for Warringah Freeway works) is going to have a huge impact on Pacific Highway and Military Road. Local residents in many areas of our LGA will be severely inconvenienced. CPC will write to the Mayor and the Minister using specific examples. MDS advised that the Mayor had already written to the Minister on this, as stated at a previous Council Meeting.

PARKING continues to be an issue, with WFU & TfNSW workers parking from 6.00am in two-hour spots, and remaining there without penalty, therefore constantly reducing parking for local residents and members of the public. Rangers need to be proactive in areas where this is taking place in order to deter long-term & illegal parking. Plateau Precinct & Anzac Park Precinct were advised to document the worker parking issue so that CPC could take it up with the Rangers.

Several residents from Rosalind Street (East) noted that their street will lose 2 parking spaces if the pedestrian crossing which NSC have suddenly proposed (see below), goes ahead.

3. WFU/WHT & APP ISSUES:

PROPOSED RAISED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING IN ROSALIND STREET EAST & WEST –
on either side of Miller Street

NC & LD, who represent APP school, pointed out this is very necessary, as that crossing is extremely dangerous for everyone. The current island is too small and exposes children to danger. There are currently 850 pupils @APPS (going up to 110 soon, although enrolments are dropping). NC said it can take up to a year for such a crossing to be fully agreed and funded, and requested that Precinct support it.

There is some resistance on the Rosalind St West side and possibly on the East side due to the loss of two parking spots in each of these roads.

COUNCIL ACTION ITEM- MOTION:

That Precinct fully support NSC's proposal for the installation of a new, full Pedestrian Crossing in Rosalind St on both the East & West sides of Miller Street.

Moved: NC; Seconded: GH.- Voting: UNANIMOUS

4. TFNSW AIR QUALITY COMMITTEE- NC said that she had put her name up to represent APP to join the WHT Air Quality Community Consultative Committee (AQCCC) but hadn't had a response yet. SW said MW (not present at meeting) had also applied. Both have agreed they will report back to Precinct on any progress.

5. VOTE ON EXPENDITURE FOR END OF YR 2024 CHRISTMAS FUNCTION

Further to ongoing discussion at our August meeting & subsequently, a committee has been working on options and organised the function, and as we have not had a formal meeting since August, but have been discussing this matter online, we confirm the Precinct Group's ratification to the expenditure.

MOTION: That the Meeting ratifies spending up to \$500 of precinct funds on Precinct's end of year 2024 Christmas function & approves that the expenditure will be on catering this year.

Proposed JD; Seconded GT. Agreed Unanimously

6. PRECINCT EXPENDITURE

Treasurer suggested that in line with some other Precincts that Anzac Park Precinct serve refreshments at Meetings out of allocated funding.

MOTION: That Precinct agrees to offer refreshments at its Meetings in 2025 - drinks undecided.

7. TOD CROWS NEST:

JB confirmed that the NSW Government had approved the rezoning of Crows Nest Transport Oriented Development (TOD). This will enable construction of 5,900 new homes; a new school is also proposed and there is an emphasis on green amenity and trees.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS [4x ACTION ITEMS FOR COUNCIL]:

- Removal of 2 Council Trees by Developer @ 453-451 Miller St. MDS raised the matter again about the removal of two council trees [part of a line along the footpath there] from the footpath on Miller St, Cammeray Village (adjoining Maggios), where there is a construction site. Many locals have asked about this. We raised this in August. Why was this allowed in a time when we have suffered huge tree losses in Cammeray and these were Council trees?

ACTION ITEM – Outstanding for Council from previous Minutes

- TfNSW Residents Air Quality Committee - NC nominated for this as did MW & SW [Plateau Precinct] - No word on progress. SW to ask MW to follow this up.
- DD wants a few more parking spaces, these could be gained once the work site in Jeaffreson-Jackson Reserve is vacated by WHT. The area has been concreted over

and could be retained and used for 3 or 4 additional parking spaces. Council has been approached on this.

- **ACTION ITEM:** Precinct is still seeking information from Council Management about what the Council Service Agreement says about Response Times in response to community complaints about Council failure to respond to emails & queries.
- **ACTION ITEM:** PENDING FROM JAN 2024: Precinct awaits information on when Council will powerwash Cammeraygal Place & brighten it up with Pots of flowering plants as promised in the SOA: "Council's Acting Service Manager for Public Presentation has organised for furniture to be cleaned & painted and will work with Parks & Gardens team re flowers."
- The Arkadia Property Group has released Planning Proposal [PP] to redevelop two shopping centres into high-rise towers in the Neutral Bay Town Centre. They will need NSC cooperation as the plans involve access from Council property in Grosvenor Street Plaza.
- **ACTION ITEM-** Lytton Street: SR reported that Sydney Water had been approached many times but continue to deflect the flooding issue on to NSC, saying they are responsible for any action. Phone calls get nowhere. Today is the anniversary of the massive 2018 Flood in these homes in Lytton St. With heavy rains forecast the residents are wary and deeply concerned about more flooding esp from the huge amounts of Bark from St Leonards Park blocking drains in Falcon St. Council are supposed to be monitoring that in heavy rain & clearing it.
- MDS said the DA for the Hare Krishna temple at the corner of Miller and Falcon Streets has been lodged & Lytton St & Miller/Ernest st residents should look at it

The Meeting closed at 7.20pm. The next Meeting will be at 6.30pm on Wednesday 29th January 2025 at the Ros Crichton Pavilion.